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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), AND
- ☒ A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Consumer Technology Association

Travel date(s): January 4-6, 2017

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$700	\$379 x 2	\$113 \$150	\$173.29
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached.

6 February 2017
(Date)

Ashok M. Pinto
(Printed name of traveler)

Ashok M. Pinto
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

6 February 2017
(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Consumer Technology Association (CTA) producers of CES.
2. Description of the trip: The purpose of the trip is to attend CTA's annual trade show CES.
3. Dates of travel: January 4-6, 2017
4. Place of travel: Las Vegas, NV
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
 - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
~~AND~~
 - ☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - ~~AND~~
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.

☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

Travel time and distance to Las Vegas.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

CTA issues invitations, organizes the conference and books the travel.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Please see attached.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Trips to this show have been sponsored for over 10 years.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

CTA conducts education days on the Hill, policy briefings, Congressional Testimony and also educates members and the public through meetings and press briefings

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expense	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$700	\$379 x 2	\$150	\$173.29

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip involves an event that is arranged without regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Las Vegas is the location of the annual trade show because they have the ability to accommodate our space needs for over 165,000 attendees and over 2.4 million square feet of exhibit space.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Encore at Wynn, Las Vegas, NV

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel was selected for the proximity to the annual trade show and the ability to accommodate our space needs.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The lodging rate is the conference rates. Please see attached.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach class tickets on commercial flights only.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Laura Hudson

Name and Title: Laura Hudson, CHP Sr. Manager, CES Projects

Name of Organization: Consumer Technology Association

Address: 1919 S. Eads St. Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone Number: 703-907-7604

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: lhudson@CTA.tech

Senate Privately Sponsored Travel Certification Form attachment for travel January 4-6, 2017

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Ellen Beares, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Peter Feldman, Counsel, Majority, Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance and Data Security
Ashok Pinto, Chief Investigative Counsel, Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
Crystal Tully, Legislative Assistant, Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet
Meredith West, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

13. The Leaders in Technology Program (LIT) at CES allows public policy makers and technologists to learn from more than 3,200 exhibitors and thousands of new products that contribute to a dynamic industry that supports an expected \$1 trillion in retail sales worldwide. The program provides information and insight to assist officials to evaluating federal policies that affect the consumer technology industry. The LIT program advances the mission of CTA to provide practical resources to help companies grow every facet of their business. CTA helps companies succeed through research, events and an extensive network of councils and working groups covering everything from public policy to technology standards.

16. Meal expenses are \$38 for breakfast, \$35 for lunch, \$77 for dinner. Other expenses are surcharges, taxes and gratuities charged by the venues.

21. The expense for attendance at CES 2017 exceeds the federal per diem rate. The reason for this differential relates to the accommodation requirements for (1) a large group of over 165,000 attendees and (2) easy access to the CES show floor, conference sessions and meeting space. Meal costs are fixed for all conference attendees at the negotiated rates set by the venues. The expense for meals exceeds the federal rate due, in part, to a dinner that is being offered as part of the convention. The government invitees are receiving the same meal as those other attendees. Las Vegas hotels are at capacity during CES. This lodging rate is available to all CES attendees and was the best available negotiate rate for this property.

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RSVP for CES 2017

Dear Ashok,

You are invited to be the special guest of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™ at our nation's largest annual tradeshow-CES® 2017, to be held Jan. 5-8, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV.

As a technology policy leader, you are invited to participate in our Leaders in Technology (LIT) program at CES. As a participant, you will experience firsthand the innovative consumer technology industry that drives the American economy and provides millions of U.S. jobs.

CES, celebrating 50 years as the global stage for innovation, is the world's gathering place for all who thrive on the business of consumer technology. Featuring the largest, global hands-on showcase of emerging innovation, CES represents all aspects of the technology spectrum. As an LIT program participant at CES 2017 you will be able to interact with cutting-edge technology such as drones, 3D printers, and self-driving technology, as well as discuss the policy issues that govern such emerging technologies as part of the Innovation Policy conference program.

The program is also designed to meet the requirements of the ethics committees of the U.S. Senate for privately-sponsored travel. Pursuant to the rules, we are permitted to pay for no more than two nights and one day, subject to approval. The program, including guest rooms and the Leaders in Technology registration suite, is headquartered at the Encore at Wynn Hotel.

CTA is offering to provide your roundtrip airfare, lodging, transportation in Las Vegas from and to the airport, as well as the show sites and group meals during your stay in Las Vegas. Attached please find the required Private Sponsor Certification Form and list of Senate member invitees for your

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Register today at

This is a limited, non-transferable invitation and you must reply by Dec. 2.

Sincerely,

Gary Shapiro
President and CEO

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